

The following Listing of the Claims will replace all prior versions and all prior listings of the claims in the present application:

Listing of The Claims:

- 1-3. Cancelled.
4. (Currently amended) An endoscopic accessory and control system as defined in claim [[1]] 13 wherein the control element extends externally of the endoscope shaft when the operating device and control handle are mounted to the endoscope.
5. Cancelled.
6. (Currently amended) An endoscopic accessory and control system as defined in claim [[3]] 13 wherein the control handle is configured to be mounted laterally onto the endoscope shaft.
7. (Previously presented) An endoscopic accessory and control system as defined in claim 6 wherein the control handle is configured to have a plurality of downwardly extending and curved forks that define a circumferential pathway through which an endoscope shaft may be slidably passed.
8. (Currently amended) An endoscopic accessory and control system as defined in claim [[1]] 13 wherein the control handle is configured to enable a user to grasp directly with one hand both the handle and a portion of an endoscope shaft to which the control handle is mounted.
9. (Currently amended) An endoscopic accessory and control system as defined in claim [[1]] 13 wherein the control element includes a sheath and at least two control members extending through the sheath for operating at least two functions of the endoscopic accessory operating device.

10 -12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) An endoscopic accessory and control system therefor comprising: as defined in claim 5 wherein

an endoscopic accessory having an operating device mountable to the distal portion of an endoscope;

a control handle configured to be removably mounted to the shaft of an endoscope and for movement lengthwise of the shaft;

the control handle has having a proximal end and a distal end; and further comprising:

a control element extending from the control handle to the operating device, the control handle including at least one operator control associated with the control element by which the control element may be operated to control operation of the operating device;

the control handle being slidable relative to the control element while remaining operatively connected to the control element;

the control handle being constructed to enable the user to simultaneously grip and manipulate both the endoscope shaft and the control handle with a single hand;

one end of the control element extending from the proximal end of the handle and defining a proximally extending loop, the other end of the control element extending from the loop through a guideway in the handle and out of the distal end of the handle, the handle being slidable along the distally extending portion of the control member when the handle and accessory are mounted on the endoscope.

14. (Currently amended) An endoscopic accessory and control system as defined in claim [[1]] 13 further comprising, in combination, an endoscope having the operating device mounted on its distal end and the control handle mounted to the shaft of the endoscope, the control element extending externally of the endoscope.